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SUBJ: BIO DATA ON ACTING PRESIDENT BASAPPA
DANAPPA JATTI

1. THE 65-YEAR OLD JATTI WAS ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT
IN AUGUST 1974. PREVIOUSLY (FROM NOVEMBER 1972) HE HAD SERVED
AS GOVERNOR OF ORISSA. HE WAS BORN IN WHAT IS NOW KARNATAKA
AND HAS AN LL.B. FROM SYKES LAW COLLEGE IN KOLHAPUR. JATTI BEGAN
HIS CAREER AS A LAWYER BEFORE ENTERING CONGRESS POLITICS. FROM
1958 TO 1962 HE SERVED AS CHIEF MINISTER OF MYSORE STATE (NOW
KARNATAKA). HE THEN SERVED AS A MINISTER IN THE STATE CABINET
UNTIL 1968, WHEN HE WAS APPOINTED LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE
UNION TERRITORY OF PONDICHERRY.

2. AS CHIEF MINISTER, JATTI WAS KNOWN AS A DEFT POLITICAL
OPERATOR, AND IN PONDICHERRY HE WAS CONSIDERED A STRICT ADMINIS-
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TRATOR. HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH OFFICERS FROM CONGEN MADRAS WAS
CORDIAL, AND HE TOOK PAINS TO FACILITATE THEIR VISITS. QUIET
SMALL IN STATURE AND CONSERVATIVE IN MANNER, JATTI IS A
HARD WORKER. AN EXTREMELY ORTHODOX HINDU, HE HAS A STRONG AVERSION
TO NONVEGETARIAN FOOD. MARRIED, JATTI HAS FOUR CHILDREN.

3. JATTI MAINTAINED A LOW PROFILE AS VICE PRESIDENT, OCCASIONALLY

FILLED IN FOR PRESIDENT AHMED AT INDIAN CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS, AND
ALMOST INVARIABLY AT NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS. HIS ONLY CONSTI-
TUTIONAL DUTY AS VICE PRESIDENT WAS AS CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENT'S
UPPER HOUSE, THE RAJYA SABHA.
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